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***Matthew 2: 1-12***

**2**After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem **2**and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.” **3**When King Herod heard this he was disturbed, and all Jerusalem with him.**4**When he had called together all the people’s chief priests and teachers of the law, he asked them where the Messiah was to be born. **5**“In Bethlehem in Judea,” they replied, “for this is what the prophet has written:

**6**“‘But you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for out of you will come a ruler who will shepherd my people Israel.’]”

**7**Then Herod called the Magi secretly and found out from them the exact time the star had appeared. **8**He sent them to Bethlehem and said, “Go and search carefully for the child. As soon as you find him, report to me, so that I too may go and worship him.” **9**After they had heard the king, they went on their way, and the star they had seen when it rose went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. **10**When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. **11**On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. **12**And having been warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, they returned to their country by another route.

**How Well Do You Know The Christmas Story?**

**(Yup, Nope, or Dunno)**

1.\_\_\_\_\_Gabriel told Mary she would have a son.

2.\_\_\_\_\_Jesus was named before He was born.

3.\_\_\_\_\_Mary and Joseph were married when Jesus was announced.

4.\_\_\_\_\_Jesus and John the Baptist are related.

5.\_\_\_\_\_Ceasar commanded all to be registered for taxes.

6.\_\_\_\_\_Joseph was from Bethlehem.

7.\_\_\_\_\_Mary rode a donkey to Bethlehem.

8.\_\_\_\_\_When they got to Bethlehem, the Inn keeper said there was no room for them.

9.\_\_\_\_\_They were allowed to use a stable instead.

10.\_\_\_\_Jesus was born in a stable.

11.\_\_\_\_Jesus was the only baby ever born who was older than his mother.

12.\_\_\_\_There were animals there.

13.\_\_\_\_Jesus’ first bed was a feed trough.

14.\_\_\_\_Jesus was born on December 25th.

15.\_\_\_\_God chose shepherds because they were well respected men in the community.

16.\_\_\_\_An angel appeared at night with a message for them.

17.\_\_\_\_The angel appeared in the sky.

18.\_\_\_\_The angel was very frightening because he was so bright.

19.\_\_\_\_An angel choir sang to the shepherds.

20.\_\_\_\_The angels then suddenly disappeared into the night sky.

21.\_\_\_\_The shepherds then hurried to see the baby Jesus.

22.\_\_\_\_They found everything just as they had been told.

23.\_\_\_\_The shepherds stayed a long time at the manger.

24.\_\_\_\_An arch angel was above the manger.

25.\_\_\_\_Three wise men came to the manger with gifts.

26.\_\_\_\_They showed up right after the shepherds left.

27.\_\_\_\_They had followed a star to the manger.

28.\_\_\_\_The gifts they brought were significant.

29.\_\_\_\_Mary understood everything about what had happened that night.

30.\_\_\_\_And everybody lived happily ever after.

**Editorial**

“He sees you when you’re sleeping, he knows when you’re awake. He knows if you’ve been bad or good…”

Does no one else find this a little on the creepy side, that an older man is watching all of the children of the world 24/7?

Maybe it would be better if he just followed everyone on Twitter or Facebook. Or perhaps we could just email our videos of good behavior in to the North Pole.

One last thought for the holiday season. Christmas is the only time of year that you can sit in front of a dead tree and eat candy out of socks.

